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Dear Professor Mosley,

Thank you for writing to me with your concerns about the future of the Woodlawn community garden at 61<sup>st</sup> Street/Dorchester Avenue. We appreciate the important contributions that you and your fellow urban gardeners make to our community and to the revitalization of Woodlawn. The University has supported the garden and related efforts for many years—most recently through a grant given to the Experimental Station to help with start-up costs for the weekly Farmers' Market.

Developing the South Campus—including the property at 61<sup>st</sup> and Dorchester—has been a longstanding University goal. As we move forward with the new Chicago Theological Seminary building I would like to offer to help the community find a new Woodlawn location for the garden.

As you know, our commitment to the development of the Woodlawn community extends well beyond the community garden. We are partners in a number of initiatives outlined in the Woodlawn Quality of Life Plan as well as a local jobs initiative, a charter high school, and an SSA-sponsored pilot project to provide social work support in Woodlawn schools.

We value our relationship with the community gardeners and all of our neighbors in Woodlawn. It is our hope that a community garden continues to be a resource and a source of pride (and fresh local produce) for many years to come. Again, many thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely yours,

Sonya Malunda